

**Thomas Jefferson to William Short, October 17,
1789, from Thomas Jefferson and William Short
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Cowes Oct. 17. 1789.

Dear Sir

Our ship has arrived here this evening, & if the wind permits we shall sail tomorrow. We have now lost exactly three weeks by contrary winds: so that in spite of my efforts to be in readiness for a passage between the equinox & winter, we shall surely be thrown late into December & perhaps into January, for our captain tells us we cannot expect less than a nine weeks passage. The ship is of 300 tons, on her 4th voyage, a good sailor, and we shall go the Southern rout, so that we may hope for good weather till we approach the coast of America. Trumbul has sailed I imagine with the same wind which brought our vessel here. Having nothing to communicate, and pressed with preparations for departure, I shall only beg you to remember me to all my American friends at Passy, to those of Chaville, of the Hotel de la Rochefoucault, Mr. Mazzei, the Abbé's & their house, & to be assured of the sentiments of esteem & attachment with which I am Dear Sir your affectionate friend and servt,

Th: Jefferson

Cowes. Oct. 21. Wind bound till now. We are just going on board with a doubtful wind. Eod. die. The wind has become contrary and here we remain.

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